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SUBJECT: WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, AUGUST 14-25, 1978

1. NINE U.N. MEMBER STATES INTERVENED DURING AUGUST 18 A.M. MEETING OF WORLD CONFERENCE. BOREDOM OF THE SESSION WAS RELIEVED BY VERBAL WAR BETWEEN CHINA AND SOVIET UNION.

2. CHINA'S DEL CHIH-YUAN LEVELED HIS SIGHTS ON THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN SITUATION AND STATED FIRMLY THAT RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND APARTHEID ARE PRODUCTS OF COLONIALISM AND IMPERIALISM. THE AFRICAN PEOPLE HAVE WAGED A PRO-TRACTED AND HEROIC STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND COLONIALISM AND FOR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE. THE RACIST REGIMES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA ARE "SHOCKINGLY SAVAGE AND CRUEL". THE AVERAGE INCOME OF AFRICANS IS ONLY ABOUT 5 PER CENT OF THAT OF THE WHITES. FIFTY PER CENT OF AFRICAN CHILDREN DIE BEFORE THE AGE OF FIVE. THE GREAT MAJORITY OF AFRICANS IN SOUTH AFRICA ARE ILLITERATE. TO
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MAINTAIN THE ATROCIOUS RACIAL OPPRESSION, "THE WHITE RACIST REGIME HAS RESORTED TO FASCISM, USING THE STATE APPARATUS TO CRUELLY SUPPRESS THE AZANIAN PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION".

3. THE ZIMBABWEAN AND NAMIBIAN PEOPLES HAVE STEPPED UP THEIR ARMED STRUGGLE AND WON NEW VICTORIES. THE AZANIAN

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PEOPLE'S MASS STRUGGLE AGAINST REPRESSION IS "RAGING HIGH". THE RACIST REGIMES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA ARE BELEAGURED AND IN DIRE PLIGHT. BUT LIKE ALL REACTIONARY FORCES IN THIS WORLD, THEY WILL BY NO MEANS RETIRE FROM THE STAGE OF HISTORY OF THEIR OWN ACCORD.

4. ISRAELI ZIONISM, SUPPORTED BY THE IMPERIALISTS, HAS CONSTANTLY COMMITTED AGGRESSION AGAINST PALESTINE AND ARAB COUNTRIES. THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE RESOLUTELY SUPPORT THE PALESTINIAN AND ARAB PEOPLES IN THEIR JUST STRUGGLE FOR THE RESTORATION OF LEGITIMATE NATIONAL RIGHTS AND THE RECOVERY OF LOST TERRITORY, STRONGLY CONDEMN THE AGGRESSION OF ISRAELI ZIONISM, AND CONDEMN "THE CONTENTION AND EXPANSION DF THE SUPER-POWERS IN THE MIDDLE EAST".

5. SOUTHERN AFRICA HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY "THE LOCALE OF AN INTENSIFIED STRUGGLE BETWEEN THE TWO SUPER-POWERS WHO ARE STEPPING UP THEIR RIVALRY FOR WORLD HEGEMONY". ONE SUPER-POWER IS AIDING THE RACIST REGIMES SO AS TO PRESERVE ITS VESTED INTERESTS IN THIS REGION. THE OTHER SUPER-POWER FLAUNTING THE BANNER DF SOCIALISM BRAZENLY INTERFERES IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES, ATTEMPTS TO SUBVERT AFRICAN STATES, INDULGES IN ACTIVITIES TO DIVIDE AFRICAN COUNTRIES, TRIES TO SOW DISSENSION AMONG DIFFERENT LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, AND IS USING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

MERCENARY TROOPS ON A MASSIVE SCALE TO REPRESS THE AFRICAN PEOPLE. THIS NEO-COLONIALIST SUPER-POWER, "WHOSE WILD AMBITION IS TO REPLACE OLD-LINE COLONIALISM AND RACISM AND SUBJECT THE AFRICAN PEOPLE TO ITS CONTROL AND ENSLAVEMENT," HAS BECOME "THE MOST VICIOUS ENEMY OF THE AFRICAN PEOPLE."

6. THE CONFERENCE SHOULD CALL ON ALL COUNTRIES TO GIVE POWERFUL SUPPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE, AZANIA AND NAMIBIA; STRONGLY CONDEMN THE RACIST REGIMES; URGE STRENGTHENED SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA, AND GREATER FINANCIAL AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS; CALL FOR MOBILIZING OF WORLD OPINION TO EXPOSE THE CRIMES COMMITTED BY THE HEGEMONISTS, IMPERIALISTS, COLONIALISTS, NEO-COLONIALISTS AND RACISTS; AND GIVE SUPPORT TO THE VICTIMS OF COLONIALISM AND APARTHEID IN SOUTHERN AFRICA THROUGH EVERY POSSIBLE CHANNEL.

7. IN RIGHT OF REPLY TO CHINA, ALEKSANDER DZASSOKHOV (USSR) SAID THAT HIS DELEGATION DECISIVELY REJECTS THAT STATEMENT WHICH WAS USED AS A SORT OF SMOKE-SCREEN TO

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HIDE THE CHINESE TREACHEROUS ROLE WITH REGARD TO THE
LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN AFRICA. OTHER ASSERTIONS MADE
BY THE CHINESE DELEGATE ARE OF A "DOUBLE BOOK-KEEPING
NATURE", INTENDED TO JUSTIFY ITS COLLUSION WITH THE
IMPERIALIST POWERS UNDER THE BANNER OF ANTI-SOVIETISM.

8. CHIH YUAN REPLYING SAID THAT THE SLANDEROUS ATTACK
BY THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE COULD NOT HIDE THE AGGRESSIVE
DESIGNS OF THE SOVIET UNION, WHICH IS SUPPORTING ONE SIDE
AND THUS SUBVERTS THE UNITY OF THE AFRICAN PEOPLE. SOVIET
IMPERIALISM IS STRIVING FOR SPECIAL PRIVILEGES AND
MILITARY BASES IN AFRICA, WHILE CHINESE FOREIGN POLICY
IS OPEN AND ATTACKS ON IT ARE FUTILE.

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9. EGYPT'S DEL EL-SHAFEI GAVE MODERATE SPEECH CALLING FOR

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THE ERADICATION OF THE SHAMEFUL OUTMODED PHENOMENON
OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, SPEAKER NOTED THAT RACISM
AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION THREATEN THE DIGNITY OF
PEOPLE IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD BUT ESPECIALLY IN
SOUTH AFRICA AND ALSO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. EL-SHAFEI

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POINTED OUT THAT FIVE YEARS HAVE ELAPSED SINCE THE INITIATION BY THE UNGA OF THE DECADE AGAINST DISCRIMINATION, BUT VERY FEW RESULTS ACHIEVED. THEREFORE, THE EGYPTIAN DELEGATION WOULD ASK CONFERENCE TO WORK OUT A PRECISE TIMETABLE AND PROGRAM OF ACTION INTENDED TO ERADICATE RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA BY THE END OF THE DECADE IN 1983. SPEAKER CONCLUDED BY STATING THAT THE CONFERENCE'S ATTENTION SHDULD NOT BE DISTRACTED FROM THE PLIGHT OF THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE.

10. AUSTRIAN (RUDOFSKY) STATED THAT THE FIGHT FOR EQUALITY AND DIGNITY OF MAN IS A CONTINUING PROCESS WHICH NEEDS CONSTANT ACTION TO COMBAT ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. HE STRESSED NEED FOR INFORMATION AND EDUCATION TO PROMOTE TOLERANCE AND UNDERSTANDING AMONG PEOPLES.
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11. BAHRAIN'S DEL (EBRAHIM AL-ARAYYED) ECHOED AUSTRIAN SENTIMENTS AND SAID NEW EDUCATION PROGRAMS SHOULD TEACH YOUNG PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THE MERITS OF EACH NATION AND TO PROMOTE KNOWLEDGE WHICH WILL HELP ELIMINATE RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.

12. NETHERLANDS DEL (FEIN) SAID HIS GOVERNMENT HAS SUPPORTED THE MANDATORY ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST THE SAG AND IS IN FAVOR OF STRONG ECONOMIC PRESSURE BY THE WORLD COMMUNITY. SPEAKER ALSO NOTED THAT THE EEC COUNTRIES HAVE ESTABLISHED A CODE OF CONDUCT ON EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES FOR COMPANIES WITH SUBSIDIARIES OR BRANCHES IN SOUTH AFRICA.
13. NIGERIAN DEL (ADEFOPE) DEPLORED FACT THAT THE APPARATUS OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC AND MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA REMAINS INTACT DESPITE REPEATED CONDEMNATIONS BY THE UN. THE RELUCTANCE BY SOME STATES TO FULFILL THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE CHARTER IS, HE SAID, A MATTER OF GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT.

14. ADEFOPE APPEALED TO CONFERENCE TO CONDEMN "ALL THOSE WHO PROFIT FROM RACIAL DOMINATION AND EXPLOITATION IN SOUTH AFRICA" AND "ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN PROPAGANDA IN FAVOR OF APARTHEID". DEL ALSO SAID CONFERENCE SHOULD CALL ON MEMBER STATES OF INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTION TO TERMINATE CREDITS FROM THE IMF TO SOUTH AFRICA.

15. VASSILI KALENCHITS (BYELORUSSIA) EXTOLLED THE VIRTUES OF HIS COUNTRY THEN PROCEEDED TO ATTACK PEKING, SOUTH AFRICA, AND ISRAEL. ALL ARGUEMENTS

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16. FINAL MORNING SPEAKER WAS AL-MUTLAK (IRAQ) WHO STATED THAT ZIONISM AND RACISM ARE SAME DOCTRINES AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SHOULD PAY ATTENTION TO ZIONISM AS A FORM OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. SPEAKER SAID HIS DEL REGRETTED THAT OFFICIAL DOCUMENTATION OF CONFERENCE, ADVERTENTLY OR INADVERTENTLY, DOES NOT CONTAIN ANY REFERENCE TO THE DOCTRINE OF ZIONISM AND DOES NOT ANALYZE THE ISRAELI LEGISLATION WHICH IS RACIST IN NATURE. CONTINUING AL-MUTLAK NOTED THAT THE UNGA PROCLAIMED ZIONISM IS A FORM OF RACISM, THAT IT IS A RACIAL MOVEMENT PRACTISING RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. FURTHERMORE, ISRAEL IS DEFYING THE UN AND ITS DECISIONS BY CONSOLIDATING ITS TIES WITH PRETORIA IN VARIOUS FIELDS INCLUDING THE MILITARY FIELD. SPEAKER ALSO COMPLAINED ABOUT WESTERN STATES, SAYING THEY ARE NOT SERIOUS IN THEIR VERBAL CONDEMNATION OF RACIST REGIMES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA SINCE THEY CONTINUE TO SUPPLY THEM FINANCES, TECHNOLOGY AND MILITARY EQUIPMENT.

17. DURING AFTERNOON MEETING POLAND, BANGLADESH, INDONESIA, TANZANIA, NORTH KOREA, MONGOLIA AND CYPRUS ALL MADE INTERVENTIONS IN WHICH SOUTHERN AFRICA AND APARTHEID WERE THE MAJOR TARGETS. ALL, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CYPRUS, ROUNDLY CONDEMNED ISRAEL AND VOICED THEIR SUPPORT OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.
18. JAPAN JOINED THOSE CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS CALLING FOR ECONOMIC AND MORAL PRESSURE AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA BUT SUGGESTED THAT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION BE SOUGHT.

19. DANISH DEL RECOMMENDED THAT SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC, AS WELL AS, JURIDICAL ACTION BE TAKEN TO ERADICATE PREJUDICE. EDUCATORS, HE SAID, SHOULD SEEK TO OVERCOME PREJUDICE FROM KINDERGARTEN THROUGH THE UNIVERSITY.

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20. MOROCCAN DEL AFTER CONDEMNING SOUTH AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST AS EXPLOSIVE AREAS OF THE WORLD TURNED TO SUBJECT OF MIGRANT WORKERS AND STATED THAT THEIR SITUATION MUST BE WATCHED IN ALL REGIONS OF THE WORLD. HE CONCLUDED INTERVENTION BY REGRETTING ABSENCE OF USG AT THE CONFERENCE. HE SAID THE U.S. COULD AND SHOULD MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE FIGHT AGAINST RACISM AND HE HOPED THAT U.S. WOULD NOT BE UNMINDFUL OF THE DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE WHICH WILL INVOLVE TOUGHER ACTION AGAINST RACISM.

21. THE GENERAL DEBATE IS SCHEDULED TO END MONDAY, AUGUST 21. SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, THE COMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED TO MEET FROM 3:00 - 6:00 P.M. WESTERN MEMBERS PLANNING TO ATTEND THE SATURDAY MEETING ARE DUBIOUS ABOUT THE RESULTS SINCE THERE WILL BE NO INTERPRETERS. SOME WESTERN MEMBERS BELIEVE ABSENCE OF INTERPRETERS WILL CAUSE THE SOVIETS TO STALL ON ANY MAJOR DECISIONS THAT COULD BE TAKEN.SORENSON

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